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Local bands come together for concert



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John Peebles, lead vocalist for Taylor band Faded Edge, performs during Thursday night's concert in the Student Union. Five local bands participated in the event.

ABBY MCCLAUGHLIN Editor

A concert featuring five local rock bands was held Thursday night in the Student Union. The concert, officially titled "New Rock Fest," was the product of a collaborative effort between WTUR and Faded Edge, one of the participating bands. The five groups included Clutch 22, Red Letter Project, Feezel, Plugg and Faded Edge. Only two of the bands, Clutch 22 and Faded Edge, are made up of Taylor students. Feezel is a group of three brothers from Indianapolis; Red

Letter Project hails from Lafayette, Ind.; and the members of Plugg are natives of Fairmount, Ind. All five bands are made up of Christians, either in college or high school.

The members of both Red Letter Project and Feezel are friends with Faded Edge, and Plugg was contacted to participate through the Taylor radio station, which sponsors them. The concert was the brainchild of Andrew Timbie, WTUR station manager and guitarist for Faded Edge. With the help of John Peebles, lead singer of

Faded Edge, and the WTUR staff, Timbie was able to get the concert organized within one month.

"Peebles was a big asset—he coordinated getting the bands here, and the WTUR staff did a lot," he said.

Timbie said he wanted to host the event for various reasons, including the fact that Taylor tends to rarely have rock concerts, and also for increased publicity for WTUR and the bands. "Every radio station that wants to make its mark puts together a concert of bands. [The concert] not only benefits the community,

but it's a chance for the bands to get exposure," Timbie said.

Each of the bands advertised with their hometown fans, and posters were put up in all of the surrounding area high schools. With a turnout of over 100 students at various times, Timbie said he is happy with the result. "For this being the first time this has happened, I'm pleased with the response."

Band members agreed with Timbie. Trevor Harden, who plays guitar and does vocals for Red Letter Project, said, "I am excited to play. We like to have fun up there and present a message while doing it." His band will be opening for nationally-known Christian group Sonicflood this summer.

Brandon Carl, a member of Clutch 22, agreed that the concert was a success. "I think the concert went well. The guys in the band [were] really great, but the audience was even better," Carl said.

Raffle tickets were sold during the show to help diminish the cost of the concert, which Timbie estimated as being around \$100. Pizza King and Tree of Life Christian bookstore donated prizes to be raffled off.

Timbie hopes that the concert's turnout will increase in the coming years. "We have high hopes that this will turn out to be an annual event...it will be open to any bands [wanting to participate]," Timbie said.

Voicemail to be installed for students this fall

KAREN PENNER News Editor

Students can expect to see a new service next fall—voicemail. The service will be installed this summer and will be ready for students next semester. Faculty and staff won't be receiving voicemail until Thanksgiving, because there will be a number of restrictions regarding their usage.

Art Mahan, associate vice president for Information Resources, said, "Guidelines for faculty and staff use must be set. Each department will decide on whether they want the service and what guidelines will be set. Each department will also do

their own checking to see if their guidelines are being followed."

According to Mahan, the service is not meant to provide professors the opportunity to hide behind their voicemail, but instead to make them more accessible to students. "This will be a nice tool to improve the communication process in a secure manner," Mahan said.

A pilot test will be done to foresee any potential problems, including unreturned messages and not cleaning out his/her mailbox. Problems that Mahan said they hope to avoid concerning student use of voicemail are obnoxious recorded

greetings and leaving unwanted messages.

Senior Jessica Barnes complimented the new service. "I think it's a great idea. I went to a boarding school in high school that had voicemail. It was nice to know if someone called while you were talking on the phone," Barnes said.

However, others feel there could be better uses for the money going toward the service.

"I think it's a waste of money, especially after students have gone out and bought every answering machine that's out there. Students don't need it—only faculty do," Senior Jay Aquilla said.

The differences between an answering machine and voicemail include the ability of voicemail to take messages while someone is talking on the phone and the private manner by which messages can be retrieved.

The voicemail budget for both campuses is 340,000 dollars and was decided on by the presidential council. The money spent for the voicemail system was taken out the various funding departments who failed to spend their budgeted amount from last year.

Online tutoring, along with step-by-step directions on how to properly run the voicemail system will be provided.

World NEWS

BEIJING, China (AP) – Tightening controls on unauthorized religious activities throughout China, authorities have closed churches and arrested at least ten underground Christian leaders in one southeastern province, an international advocacy said Wednesday. The official atheist Communist Party seems to be bracing for possible challenges from religious related separatism and a further opening of the economy following Beijing's expected entry into the World Trade Organization. Worship has been stopped and members of independent churches arrested in a number of communities in the Guangdong province, said Christian Solidarity Worldwide, based in Surrey, England. An official Guangdong's Religious Affairs Bureau confirmed that an annual investigation of local religious groups was underway. China's constitution guarantees freedom of religion, but the government requires that public worship be confined to state-sanctioned organizations.

JOLO, Philippines (AP) – Islamic rebels are asking two million dollars ransom for an ailing German woman who is just one of their 19 foreign hostages – a demand Philippine negotiators have rejected. Philippine Foreign Secretary Comingo Siazon said the Abu Sayyaf captors have increased their demand from the one million dollar previously asked for the safe release of 57-year-old Berman Renate Wallert, who suffers from high blood pressure. The hostages were abducted April 23 from Sipadan Island.

MOSCOW, Russia (AP) – Lawmakers swiftly approved a tough, polished economist as Russia's new prime minister Wednesday, backing Russian President Vladimir Putin's plan for modest market reforms that emphasize gradual growth over radical upheaval. The vote endorsing Mikhail Kasyanov came after a short and cautious speech in which he said the best way to get the economy moving is to cut taxes and clean up corruption while making sure impoverished Russians aren't overlooked. Observers say Putin will concentrate on strengthening the state and leave Kasoyanov to focus on the economy.

TAIWAN (AP) – Taiwan's president-elect has urged China to be reasonable as China's main army newspaper ran photographs of troops and tanks storming ashore in a mock amphibious invasion. Tensions has been running high since Chen Shui-Bian's election ended five decades of nationalistic rule in Taiwan.

PHILIPPINE (AP) – Three people have been killed and at least 30 wounded by explosions in the southern Philippines, where Muslim rebels are holding 21 hostages. Officials aren't sure whether the blasts were related to a surge in Islamic militancy.

ITALY (AP) – Pope John Paul turned 80 yesterday and celebrated with a mass including three thousand priests, 250 bishops and scores of cardinals in St. Peter's square yesterday morning.

National NEWS

WASHINGTON D.C. (AP) – The rate at which American women are attacked or threatened by loved ones dropped 21 percent in the mid-1990s, Attorney General Janet Reno said Wednesday, calling for the renewal of the 1994 Violence Against Women Act. In a report, "Intimate Partner Violence," the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics described a widespread drop in violence among husbands and wives, and boyfriends and girlfriends that mirrors the general decline in serious crimes nationwide since 1992. The number of men murdered by wives or girlfriends plunged 60 percent from 1976 through 1998.

CHICAGO, Illinois (AP) – The Chicago Cubs beefed-up security to protect the Los Angeles bullpen. They may need to add some officers to protect their own bullpen from the Wrigley rabble. Rick Aguilara blew his fourth save of the season and the Chicago Cubs lost to the Los Angeles Dodgers eight to six. The Cubs pen has blown nine of 16 save opportunities this season.

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania (AP) – Scott Rolen hit a pair of home runs, including the eventual game-winner in the seventh as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the St. Louis Cardinals five to four. Ron Gant had a three-run homer for the Phillies, who snapped a four game losing streak. Eric Davis went three for three with two runs scored for St. Louis.

WASHINGTON (AP) – President Clinton has called on Congress to give law enforcement more money for bulletproof vests to honor law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty. The president has taken part in a ceremony marking peace officers memorial day. Clinton has insisted that on Congress to double the money currently spent on bulletproof vests, saying every officer in America should have one.

COLORADO (AP) – The official report on the Columbine high school shootings has been given to the media. The report gave the Jefferson County Sheriff's office conclusions about the shooting. It includes a minute by minute breakdown of the shooting, and will be made available to the public next Tuesday.

WASHINGTON (AP) – Republican presidential nominee George Bush says he wants to partially privatize social security. Bush has unveiled his plans for the politically sensitive social security program at an appearance yesterday.

MARYLAND (AP) – Jury selection has begun in the murder trial of all pro football player Ray Lewis. The star Baltimore Ravens linebacker is charged in the stabbing deaths of two men outside an Atlanta bar.

NEW MEXICO (AP) – Wildfires in Los Alamos, New Mexico destroyed the buildings where the first atomic bomb was built.

State NEWS

VINCENNES (AP) – A judge has set new dates in the murder trial of Brian Jones. Jones is charged with the murder of Vincennes University student, Brook Baker, in 1997. Jury selection is set to start in Bedford on November 29, with opening arguments getting underway December 4. A pre-trial conference is also set for June 19.

FRANKLIN (AP) – The defense and prosecution dod offer closing arguments yesterday morning in the death penalty phase for Michael Dean Overstreet. Overstreet was found guilty of killing Franklin College student, Kelly Eckart.

BLOOMINGTON (AP) – Union workers at Bloomington's General Electric refrigerator plant will reportedly not walk off the job following a late strike vote Wednesday. Many workers have been upset since G.E. announced that fourteen hundred jobs will be going to plants in Mexico.

NEW WHITELAND (AP) – No one was injured when a suspected lightning strike sparked a fire Wednesday. The fire destroyed three homes in the Johnson County. Officials say the flames spread quickly from one home to another because of brisk winds and how close together the homes were built.

LAFAYETTE (AP) – An award was given to a special task force created to investigate burglaries and vandalism in a number of broadcast towers last year. The recognition came from the U.S. Attorney's office for the northern district of Indiana. James Fox and Cory Gallo were arrested for their roles in the burglaries at 37 communication and broadcast towers, four churches and three businesses. The crimes occurred in 21 northern Indiana counties and caused over one million dollars in damages or loss of equipment.

UNDATED (AP) – Federal lawmakers have been debating a proposal that would impose a 2001 deadline to withdraw U.S. troops from Kosovo. Troops have been actively involved in a so-called peacekeeping mission. Specialist Mark Minor from Richmond, Indiana is among those in the war-torn country. The 19-year-old has been in Kosovo for more than three weeks and expects to be there through October.

DALE (AP) – Another Indiana company has graduated from the fast payback program. Spencer Industries in Dale just completed the 38 week course offered by the Indiana Business Modernization and Technology Corporation. Spencer manufactures plastic parts for lawnmowers, soft drink machines and exercise equipment. The course prepares companies for international quality certifications.

ANDERSON (AP) – Governor O'Bannon announced the creation of a statewide center for character education. It will be a clearinghouse and resource center for making character building part of the curriculum.

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Selfish sex and the "Born Again Virgin Club"



I was excited to watch Dateline two weeks ago. Previews promised a controversial look at one of the more conservative fads of this postmodern society—"The Born Again Virgin Club." Okay, so I wasn't expecting pre-marital abstinence to be heralded as the best decision for every teen, but I was prematurely thankful for what appeared to be a decidedly different attitude on sex—waiting. What I wasn't prepared for (and very disappointed in) was the newsmagazine's attitude on sexuality—selfish.

It's mine, so you can't have it. Well, you can, but you'll have to work for it. Come on, boys, you know the drill—flowers, candlelight, maybe even poetry. Convince me I'm in love, you're in love. Then you win the prize, and it's not a Kewpie doll.

How dangerous for sexuality to be seen as mine, mine, mine. Mine to keep, mine to give away. With this attitude, abstinence becomes no more than a new form of feminist power play—or worse a test for potential partners ("will he stay when he knows I'm chaste?").

It seems to me that this sexual selfishness is partly responsible for getting us into this mess of unPlanned Parenthood and Crisis Pregnancy to begin with. If it's ours to keep, it's ours to give. To whomever we want. And it's ours to reclaim when we realize we didn't give it to the right person. And the vicious cycle of losing and starting afresh, catapulting in and out of a state of "spiritual virginity" continues until we realize one thing.

Our sexuality is not ours to do with as we please. It is a gift of God to be enjoyed at the right time. It is he who gives it to us and he who restores it to those who made a mistake with it.

I guess we all pretty much understand that concept. But, still a sexually selfish attitude continues to manifest itself in Christian circles. It shows as much in our reasons for waiting as it does in our reasons for prematurely mating.

Isn't our attitude on sexuality just as important (if not more) as the fact that some of us have managed to keep our pants on? Yes, I realize the significance of entering wedlock with a pure body, but what good is that body unless it climbs into the marriage bed accompanied by an untainted heart?

I want to be able to say "God gave me this to give to you. I'm glad it's not a game, a toy, a test, a ploy I used to make sure you love me."

And I'm glad it's not mine alone. I mean, really, what fun would that be?

—Susan Beebe

The Sarcasm of an Angsty Duck

So I guess you people don't get it. Apparently I'm just not clear when I write, because you keep missing the point. I know there are many of you out there who understand what sarcasm is, and who get what I'm saying. You need to help out your friends who don't have a clue as to what I'm talking about.

I know that the people who do not have a clue are in the minority. So, I am asking everyone that understands to please beat the people that don't (author's note: This is a sarcastic statement, and should not be taken literally. The Echo does not condone the beating of idiots.)

So, where does this leave me? I want to be understood. I want to be able to write in whatever style I choose. My dilemma is in figuring out which is more important. Well, for the most part I'm not going to change how I write, but today I want you to understand something.

Summer is almost here, and I want to share something that is a passion of mine. I want to talk about the appreciation of beauty (author's note: This is not a sar-

castic statement.) Some of you would be shocked to learn that this is my main goal in writing. Yes, I focus on the negative. I point out things that I think are wrong, evil, or ugly.

When I point what I think is bad, I am doing this so that we can destroy the ugliness and therefore better see the beauty. My goal is to get rid of ugliness.

So what do I want you to do? I want you to appreciate beauty as much as you can this summer. Go to an art museum. Write a poem. Go to a play. Watch the sunset with someone special. See the beauty in little things like the gentle rain or the joy in a child's laugh. While I want to expose ugliness, I also realize that we need to appreciate that which is beautiful.

Experience the beauty around you, whether it be nature or some form of man made beauty. Stop and appreciate it. I'm going to appreciate beauty by spending my time writing poetry to a beautiful girl I will miss very much. So please appreciate beauty this summer.

—Ben Reed

Easy Answers, Weak Answers

People have a tendency to oversimplify complicated matters, and this has especially nasty consequences in the moral life. Since there is tension and complexity at the heart of the Gospel, a person who latches on to one side of any given truth often destroys that truth by ignoring what needs to balance it.

For instance, *The Echo* has had a few articles warning women about immodesty, and then one that blamed men for blaming women. Let's try this idea: all the women on our campus will be held accountable for the way they advertise their bodies, and all the men will also be held accountable for their gawking, regardless of how scantily clad their gawkees might be. There are indeed few sins in this world for which only one is responsible.

This semester has also been open season on the "Taylor Bubble." We seem to be divided into two camps: the "Everyone here except me and my friends are cheesy and superficial: camp, and the "Hi-ho, Taylor community is the greatest!" camp. The first camp's pessimism is poorly founded, and of no help to anyone. The second camp's optimism is easily shattered by the realities of complacency and rebelliousness that are all around us. We'd all be better off if we

would understand that Taylor, like all other human institutions, is obviously fallen, and that resources for tremendous growth are available for those willing to seek them. We should all be members of a third camp, both realistic and hopeful: "We've all got big problems, and God will work mightily in our community whenever we really want Him to."

It's also good that conservative Christians now recognize that many things are right in themselves, including entertainment. However, in saying that entertainment is okay in and of itself, we have lost sight of the fact that American Christians disgustingly overuse it. C.S. Lewis lamented the rise of the radio because he saw that it would starve people of solitude and silence—thereby destroying deep reflection on one's life, true friendship, and communion with God. (Hmm—what would he think about TV's, Nintendo 64 and the Internet?) We complain about how we don't have time for homework, volunteer service, personal reading or prayer, while we waste more hours than any pre-1950 generation could have even imagined possible. It's very difficult to change these habits, of course. But I used to be a junky myself—and I am convinced that once a

person tastes the real food that God intends for His people (i.e., community and knowing Him more deeply), he/she will seldom even want to taste the skanky trash of the American entertainment regime. We should never be surprised or resentful that our spiritual and personal lives aren't more fulfilling, when we know that Christ Himself had to spend endless hours in "solitary places" to maintain his deep connection with God.

So we've found that in modesty, Bubble critiques and entertainment, we've been missing the mark by being too simplistic. Always be on the look-out for other easy answers. They're everywhere: Christian responses to homosexuals and the poor, for instance, are tribalized into two camps ("liberal" and "conservative"), the one pure "compassion" and the other pure condemnation. It is indeed difficult to recognize that people are both victims and agents; and that love must therefore be patient and sacrificial, and seek to separate people from their sin. But now we can see more clearly why easy answers fail so often: because love itself is a complicated tension, destroyed by choosing just one side or the other.

—Matt Mendham

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International student returns home with a little help from good friends

JENN GOLDEN
Staff Writer

"My life is full of miracles. It's like God parts the Red Sea every day of my life!" declared Jesse Joe Puttanickal, speaking of the great success of the Morris fundraiser to send him home to Kenya this summer.

Born in Uganda, Jesse's family now lives in Nairobi, Kenya. Those 10,000 miles have separated Jesse from his family for over three years. As a senior pre-med major, this summer is the perfect time to visit his family. Yet the cost of a plane ticket is not exactly cheap. So, several weeks ago Jesse went to Ben Jeffrey and a few other DCs in Sammy Morris to see if there was something Taylor could do for an international student like himself. Scott McDermid, a junior on Sammy II, thought that a fundraiser could be arranged, and they all decided on a car wash.

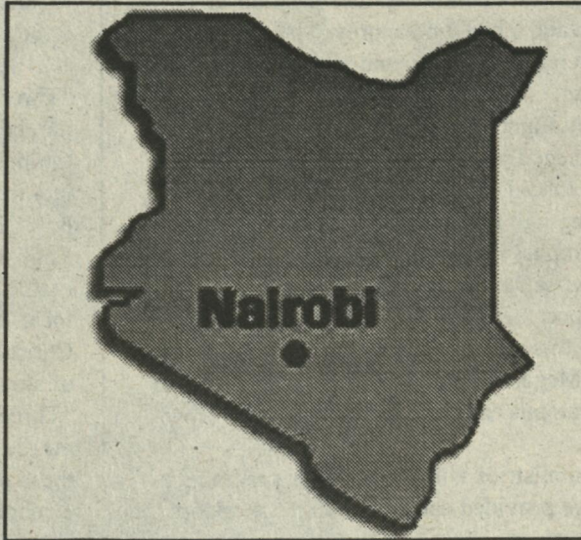
The fundraiser took place in front of Sammy Morris on May 6 and was a huge success. No

one expected such a response from the student body. It raised nearly \$700, and upon hearing of Jesse's plight, other students and their families donated an additional \$800.

"I can say amen!" Jesse said of this generous outpouring. "It is a testimony of how God provides."

"I knew I was gonna go home some how; I just didn't know how," he said confidently. "It was just an idea," but look what has happened.

God has also blessed Jesse's life in many other ways. "I could write a list," he said. One of those blessings is a possible transfer to Indiana University Bloomington in the fall to attend medical school or Ball State to study physiology. Although his plans are not yet concrete for



Graphic courtesy of www.worldatlas.com

Jesse Joe Puttanickal is going home to Kenya, shown above, for the first time in three years this summer, all because of the efforts of his friends.

next school year, he now has a definite plan for this summer, thanks to the Morris men and others. "I will spend 24/7 with my family," he said.

Jesse's sincerity is obvious as he talked about his struggle with homesickness. "I think it was

harder when I first got here, but I have grown closer to God in these past 4 years at Taylor. Being so far away, I have had to rely on him. But the fact that I've made a lot of friends and that I have surrogate American parents makes it easier. I have lots of support! But I think some people probably don't know how much I miss my family," he commented.

His smile, outgoing personality, and kind spirit might sometimes conceal his nostalgia for his family. Yet as he speaks of his brother, Savio (13), it is painfully evident. He also told of how several close friends have been there for him throughout his college years so that he always has someplace to go for breaks and the summer.

He also said he combats homesickness by staying busy. He is very involved in the Taylor community. He has been on multicultural council, SAC, and in gospel choir.

"[Jesse] is like a big strong teddy bear under it all, a really nice sincere guy. And he's very disciplined, to get into med school and all," said a junior here at Taylor.

Some may wonder how a student from Kenya ended up at Taylor, but Jesse just laughed as he told the story.

"Where do you want me to start?" he joked. "All my tuition is taken care of by anonymous gifts and grants and with a Taylor academic scholarship." So the current miracle of his trip home is not the first one Jesse has experienced. Yet he hasn't grown unappreciative. His faith in God's goodness has just made him more grateful for every gift that is given.

"If there is one thing I want the Taylor campus to understand is my great thankfulness," he said.

International SCRAMble

Everyone can be a missionary

Webster's New World dictionary defines a missionary as "a person sent on a religious mission." Jesus has called each of us to be missionaries to the world around us. In Matthew 28:19-20 it says, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded."

It seems from my experience that a lot of people are afraid of the thought of becoming a missionary. I, too, have been faced with these same doubts. Being a missionary means giving up on the idea of making a lot of money. It may mean that you have to go live in some far-off country where they live in the exact opposite way of how we live here in the United States. You may be required to do some things that you vowed you would never do.

Or does it really mean all of these things? I am sure that for some people this is the case, but this is not how it always is. We can delight in the fact that we have the ability to be missionaries right where we are, whether it be at home, at work or at school. It is amazing to me to think of the wonderful plans that God

has for our lives, even if we are not being specifically called into the ministry.

My main focus of this article is to encourage you all to be a "missionary" to those around you and to regularly pray for the missionaries that you know. It is so interesting to think of how much can be accomplished through the power of prayer. Don't miss out on the opportunity to pray for your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. There is such comfort in knowing that people are uplifting you in prayer!

This year I have had the opportunity to be the president of SCRAM, Students Concerned Radically About Missions. The goal of SCRAM is to increase missions awareness on campus. Hopefully you have seen papers posted up on your floor or wing encouraging you to pray for countries in need. We are planning on continuing this throughout next year as well as highlighting various missions topics through articles in The Echo. Keep an eye out for SCRAM and remember to be a missionary wherever life may take you!

- Bekah Doerksen

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Opportunities for ministry through TSO

Through the corporate efforts of many members of the student body, TSO will now be encompassing two on-campus ministries for the upcoming school year, 2000-01. Until now, both have been functioning for a number of years without an official support or organization and with this marriage will hopefully be accelerated in effectiveness. They are the programs of senior/freshman fellowship and the men's' and women's' conferences and associated ministries held throughout the year. They are to be headed up by the new Vice President for Community Life position in TSO which has been developed and refined over the past month and a half, and approved by the Student Senate this week. Senior Dan Bubar will be the first to serve in this role, and with his past experience in these ministries and his heart for this campus, I am confident that his vision is one which will serve the entire campus in an extraordinary fashion throughout next year.

Senior/freshman fellowship is an experience that has touched many lives since its conception in 1997. Through this program senior men and women are linked in a mentoring relationship with freshman of their same gender. Meetings and programming will take place throughout the semester addressing some of the more prominent issues on campus, including maximizing the Taylor experience, relationships, dealing with sin, as well as other salient issues. The biggest component of senior/freshman fellowship will be the mentoring aspect between the two groups involved. Many of the seniors involved were personally impacted by this ministry during their freshman year and are excited at the chance to serve in this way. Seniors Megan Bohm and Kyle Martin will head up these programs and together are expected to serve the campus and the Lord well in their respective roles next year.

Women's and men's conferences and other associated ministries will be the other programs to become linked vicariously to TSO. These conferences have provided each class with the opportunities to come together, hear speakers, and be vulnerable with one another. This program will continue as it has with the addition of meetings, scheduled prayer times, and more involvement in activities for all classes throughout the year. The people chairing these ministries next year will be Seniors Megan Shauck and Andy Jacques and we in TSO are excited to have them serving the Lord in these aspects of ministry.

Both of these programs have been carried out to varying levels of success in the past couple years. Through out the history of these two ministries, both have only functioned on the whim of the student body, and history has shown that if enough students are present to carry on the program it will happen. If the interest is lacking the program suffers. This is the primary reason for TSO's involvement. It is our hope that continuity and a greater level of involvement will be given to both sets of programs with the connection to TSO and allow for their future success. Should you have a desire to be involved in either ministry, I would strongly encourage you to speak with Dan or any of the above cabinet members soon to find you a position that you would best serve in throughout next year. May God bless you and enjoy your summers!

-Steve Klipp

Questioning 'Conquer'

As I sat through the opening night of "She Stoops to Conquer," I clearly recognized the England in which I spent the first 30 years of my life. The excellent performance was true to the best tradition of English farce.

The drinking scene in the "Three Jolly Pigeons" saddened me because of the unfortunate timing. Our campus continues to feel the negative impact of alcohol. Is drinking ale in an old English inn somehow more honorable than drinking beer in a local bar? Before becoming a Christian, I "supped" many a pint of ale in the "Kings Head" or the "Three Crowns." Trust me—despite "jolly" appearances, these people feel the misery that alcohol brings.

Did some of the actors feel uneasy in their roles? Maybe, but they were committed. They signed up for the program and played their part. What about us? Have we signed up for the program—the LTC, but sometimes want to shout—"The Emperor has no clothes." How can we tell if a set of rules is working? Jesus told us that we would recognize a tree by its fruit. What is the fruit of this policy? Can we live by these rules?

I often wonder if the devil's strongholds are really some

important part of God's plan for our lives that has gone horribly wrong. Alcohol has such a strong influence on our bodies, that God must have planned this response for some other purpose. The devil wants us to think alcohol is the answer, however, on this side of a new heaven and earth, it only brings sorrow.

In the play, Young Marlow approves of drinking. I hear the voice of Josh Olson and think of his previous role as C.S. Lewis, who history tells us drank with his friends. In England, a vicar will often be seen drinking in the local pub with his parishioners after church on Sunday. Using other people's social rules is risky. What works for us? Can you imagine the absurdity of our faculty hosting a "happy hour" to model responsible drinking? I know for me it's easier to say I won't drink, rather than trying to walk the fine line of "responsible social drinking."

I'm not advocating we should have changed the play. I laughed as much as anyone in the audience. But even if we applaud students pretending to be drunk on stage as part of a play, we must continue to uphold our commitment to the LTC policy on drinking, because it is the right one for us.

-Ian Blair

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Kicked out for Gossiping?

Student argues the interpretation and enforcement of the LTC

Through all of the discussion about dancing and drinking and the LTC, it's been obvious that some students are more liberal than others. I've come to the conclusion that there are two items about the LTC that need to be addressed: interpretation and enforcement.

When students talk about the LTC, dancing, drinking and smoking are constantly brought up. They normally say, "When you sign your name, your integrity is at stake." That means no drinking, no dancing and no smoking, or you're toast. What these people fail to see is that gossiping, chapel attendance and lying are placed right next to the other rules. However, I've never heard of someone being expelled for a severe case of gossiping.

When I compare the offenses, I can't possibly believe they expect us to live up to them 100%. Looking at the LTC, I see a standard that we should try to live up to, one that allows

for some room to breathe and doesn't make us feel like we are being watched every second. I understand that if certain areas become a problem, they should be addressed, but I don't think that occasional drinking or dancing should be issues.

That brings me to my next point. Students can be expelled for their first offense, but athletes that have been caught numerous times are still representing Taylor in the athletic arena. When I graduated high school and came to Taylor, I thought I would get away from a school where athletics are favored over academics. I was wrong. Talking this over with my friends, I realized that if athletes were held to the same standards as the rest of campus, the athletic department would be greatly affected.

Some would say there are two sections of the LTC, things addressed in the Bible and

things that are not. Why do we punish what is not punished in the Bible? Shouldn't our focus be on stopping the gossip or lying that tears away at a community from the inside? The LTC calls for a level of accountability and it calls for Christian brothers and sisters to confront each other in love. Instead, we have someone going behind backs and getting people in trouble with the administration.

What does all this mean? I think everyone needs to come to a consensus on how the rules at Taylor are interpreted or how the rules at Taylor are enforced. Some of my friends got kicked out recently for breaking the LTC, some getting caught for the first time. I say "getting caught" because we all break the LTC, but very few do get caught. Would we get kicked out if we were caught gossiping? I doubt it.

-Eric W. Davis

Band expands circle of friends

KATE BOWMAN
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Imagine the most extravagant concert you've ever been to—hundreds of flashing colored lights sweeping the stage, pyrotechnics sending sparks shooting over the crowd, thousands of fans screaming their approval as the rock stars strut out of the shadows and pose.

Now imagine the opposite—three oriental rugs, some microphones, a drum set, an organ, guitars cradled in their stands, a few candles strewn about. Aside from dim, smoky spotlights, there is little in the way of the flashy elements found at your standard rock and roll show. And as seven old friends, wearing t-shirts, jeans and amused smiles, meander to their places on stage, it's evident that this band is interested in more than just an image. Caedmon's Call is committed not only to musical excellence but to an authentic representation of who they really are and what their ministry is about.

"Nowadays you've got to live it. This generation wants to see the Gospel. They want to see you loving people, they want to feel you loving them, listening to them. Not just dropping a Gospel tract in their pocket," frontman Cliff Young told Echo magazine. "That's what [Caedmon's Call is] trying to do: be ourselves. A lot of musicians think the stage is there so people can look up to you. They walk onstage, sign some autographs, then get on the tour bus. We're on a stage so a lot of people can see us at once, then after we're done playing we jump off the stage and talk to the people. And it's not a patronizing thing, like 'how can we minister to these people?' They talk and share with us and we share with them. We open up our lives and are vulnerable and real. That's exactly what they want—for us to be real."

And after six years together, this folk-rock band from Texas has mastered the craft of being real. The members of Caedmon's Call exude passion for digging into what some Christians might consider "touchy" topics—questioning God, for example, and struggling with singleness. Non-touring band member and songwriter Aaron Tate emphasized the importance of authenticity in his lyric-writing. "I realized that



Photo courtesy of Essential Records

Caedmon's Call will bring its intimate, acoustic music to Rediger Auditorium on Friday, May 19, at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are available for \$12 in advance and for \$14 at the door. Tickets can be obtained by calling Taylor Student Organization at (765) 998-5104.

the reason people often don't write honest songs is... because it's terrifying. I'm not proud of the ideas in many of my songs," he told CCM Magazine in April 1999. "But when we're writing, we have to tell the truth."

The band's honest coverage of relevant topics, paired with its rootsy, acoustic sound, has a history of appealing to the college crowd in particular. According to CCM Magazine, Caedmon's Call has performed "almost exclusively" on university campuses for the past five years, from the smallest Christian school to the likes of Duke and Harvard. "College is such a fork in the road," Young said in CCM magazine, explaining the phenomenon. "Students need someone to talk to about the doubts that they're feeling and the things that they're going through. If a band combines lyrics that reflect those things with the kind of music college students like, it's going to fill a niche."

That niche has been left wide-open by the Church, which has consistently addressed the needs of families and teens, but often leaves college students, singles and other young adults unattended. It is among these groups that Caedmon's Call makes the most

connections, creating the intimate sense of community surrounding the band and its extended family philosophy. "You don't just have the people who play in the band," said Derek Webb, vocalist, guitarist and songwriter. "Maybe that's just the people you see, but you've got the management, and the songwriters, and the fans—and we're all Caedmon's Call. It's not just seven people on stage."

The audience in particular holds a special status in the economy of Caedmon's Call, with many fans bordering on rabid devotees. "I've always thought Caedmon's Call represented a movement... It is very much a moving target and a living organism," said Robert Beeson, Essential Records vice-president, who was responsible for signing the band to the label last year. "The only thing that's constant is the fact that it's driven by fans." At any given concert, at least 50 percent of the audience will have driven as far as five hours to attend the show.

The members of Caedmon's Call do not take this devotion for granted, making a special effort to include their listeners in the family. "Forming a community is a really important concept to us,"

Webb told CCM magazine. "Talking openly during a concert invites others to join in the conversation, a conversation that flows right off the stage and on to the floor minutes after the show is over. I can't tell you how many times we've been sitting outside of a venue talking to a group of people, and the bus is literally honking at us at 2 a.m. because we absolutely have to leave. If what we do on stage does not necessarily lead to conversations off-stage, then what we do is pointless."

The band's niche has recently carved out an even wider fan base with its latest recorded offering, sophomore release "40 Acres." The band has released two albums independently and two on major labels, but for "40 Acres," it joined forces with Essential Records, which has the distinction of distributing albums through mainstream label SilverTone Records. Despite this venture into the general market, however, Caedmon's Call remains adamant that college audiences will receive the lion's share of attention.

"I don't care if we had one of the biggest singles ever and had 5,000 people rushing the stage and ripping our clothes," Young

told CCM magazine. "I... would be miserable because if there's not a connection with the audience—the kind of connection that we have with Christian college students—I didn't have a good show."

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Winter/Spring sports wrap-up

Tennis and track & field teams headed to NAIA nationals next week

LUKE REIMER
Sports Editor

The Sears Director's Cup is awarded by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) to the college who, at the end of the year, scores the most points in the established point system. Collegiate programs score points through the finish of their team in various sports. Last year, Taylor finished 35th in the NAIA standings. This year, after the winter sports season, Taylor was at 17th, down from 13th after the fall.

The Taylor indoor track and field team was the highlight of the winter sports season, scoring 44 points to take third at the NAIA national meet. The team produced ten All-Americans in spite of several set-backs, including shotputter Steve Ercegovac's broken foot.

The Lady Trojans basketball team started slow with a lot of new faces trying to adjust to the team. The women won nine of their last ten regular season

games, to pull themselves above .500 and grab the second seed in the MCC tournament. Two All-MCC players led Taylor to the

MCC). The team placed three players on the All-MCC team but was ushered out of the conference tournament by their first round opponent, Marian.

The spring season saw the golf team opening up conference play. The Trojans relied on some young players to place second in the MCC, and to take fifth at the NAIA Region 8 tournament.

Baseball also opened in the spring. The team failed to enjoy the success of last year's conference championship, in spite of a first round conference tournament win.

Taylor still has two teams, however, that are currently training for their respective NAIA national tournaments.

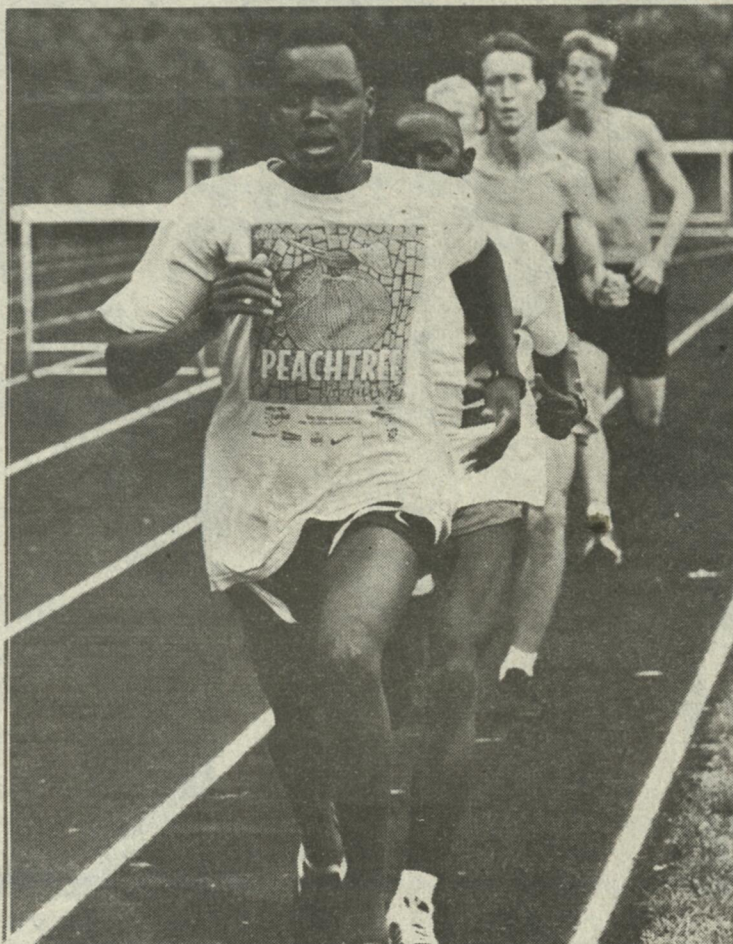
The men's tennis team will travel to Lexington, Ken. this weekend, and is ranked 23rd in the NAIA.

On May 23, Taylor track and field will travel to Vancouver for the NAIA national outdoor meet. Taylor finished third at the meet last year, and many team members feel that this team is Taylor's best chance ever at an NAIA national title.

conference finals, where they were unable to overcome the No. 1 seed in the NAIA at the time, the St. Francis Lady Cougars.

Taylor finished with a 20-15 record (12-5 MCC). Carrie Chivington also earned Taylor's second straight MCC Rookie of the Year award.

Trojan basketball finished with an overall 19-14 record (6-9



NOEL SCHUTT-The Echo

The Taylor track team prepares for the NAIA national meet. The team leaves on May 23 for Vancouver.



JEFF NICOSON



Sport: Golf

Year: Senior

Major: Environmental Biology

Hometown: Louisville, Ken.

Family: Jeff's father is a commercial contractor. Jeff's mother keeps the books for his father and home schools his younger sister, McKinley. Jeff's younger brother is a freshman at Bellarmine College in Louisville.

Tennis history: Jeff began playing golf when he was nine. But "when I was twelve was when the bug kind of



bit," Jeff says. In his last college tournament, Jeff finished as the sixth individual at the NAIA Region 8 tournament, shooting 77-76-78 to lead the Trojans.

Jeff on this year's team: "Talent-wise we have the largest amount of talent I've ever seen at Taylor... this year was a good year as far as a lot of the younger guys getting their feet wet... I would think next year they could challenge for the conference title."

Athlete of the Week

Still not funny

The Q & A column you never knew you missed

Its time, once again, for everybody's all time favorite column, Letters to the Sports Editor. This is where anonymous (a.k.a.: made-up) people have their questions answered by Taylor's only Echo Sports Editor.

Q: How do you write sports?

A: Writing sports is easy because everyone talks in cliches. The secret to interviewing athletes and coaches is finding the correct cliché questions to ask so that one can receive the correct cliché answers.

Example:

Wrong: Is your Water Polo team good, or no?

Right: How do you feel about this year's Water Polo team?

While you would think the first question would, hypothetically, evoke the answer for which one is looking, it in fact, would evoke a blank look and some mumbling. Instead, one must ask the second question and interpret the answer.

Q: How would one interpret the answers to the aforementioned question?

A: Huh?

Q: How do you do that?

A: Oh. Well there are two basic answers an interviewee might give, interpreted here: 1. This is an excellent team. (this team is fair) 2. I love this team's work ethic (this team is awful).

Q: Does Taylor have a Water Polo team, or even a pool?

A: No.

Q: Does this frustrate you more than the arcade games with the claw that reaches down to get the stuffed animals but doesn't drop them down the chute?

A: Yes.

Q: Are there any other sports you feel are under represented on Taylor's campus?

A: Yes, I feel that while intramural basketball and football are all well and good, there is a silent majority that is clamoring for intramural shuffleboard, curling, and lawn bowling.

Q: Are you sure you used the word "clamoring" correctly?

A: Not really, no.

Q: Is there something important to remember when discussing Taylor c-cross-country in the Echo?

A: Yes. While members of the Taylor cross-country

teams are technically Trojans, the men are more commonly referred to as "Jarheads" and the women as "Lady Jarheads".

Q: Har! What goofy names!

A: They try hard, I guess.

Q: Does it seem a little too convenient to you that Dean of the Chapel, Richard Allen Farmer, and president-elect of the student body, Steve Klipp, have never been photographed together?

A: University relations has "no comment at the present time." (This is a big, fat, hairy lie by me).

Q: Do you have difficulty throwing away socks, even when they have holes larger than Mr. Snuffleupagus in them?

A: Unfortunately, yes, I do.

Q: Speaking of professional baseball, who, in your opinion, has the worst front office in the history of baseball?

A: In spite of the fact that the Red Sox have pulled some doozies, I'm going to have to go with the Dodgers on this one.

Q: Do you say this even though your love of the Dodgers rivals the love of Mel Gibson for his girlfriend/wife/whatever in "Braveheart"?

A: Yes, and I wish I had a huge sword that I could chop up Rupert Murdoch (the Dodgers owner) with and then feed him to wild and vicious animals like the ones on National Geographic specials.

Q: Is it natural for guys over the age of twelve to walk around in whitey-tightys when they are not participating in athletics?

A: No it definitely isn't, but you didn't hear it from me because I know several football players who do this.

Q: How do you feel about USA Today's choice of "Hoosiers" as the best sports movie of all time?

A: While I love "Hoosiers", I feel that the good people at USA Today must have had their brains replaced with pre-chewed oatmeal.

Q: What is in fact, the best sports movie of all time?

A: "Chariots of Fire" wins this by a mile.

Q: Is there any more space?

A: No, there isn't.

-Luke Reimer